

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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John HENDRICKS, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2421

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: December 28, 2009

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated August 28, 2009, the period for response being extended one month, from November 28, 2009 to December 28, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 14.